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### NEW LIGHTING CONTRACT

Will Be Considered at Special Trustees Meeting Aug. 18.

The board of village trustees will hold an adjourned meeting Tuesday evening, Aug. 18, for the purpose of considering the new proposed contract for street lighting. Residents of the village are requested to be present at this meeting and to offer any suggestions they may have in mind and to make any criticism that may seem pertinent.

The proposed contract is as follows:

Articles of Agreement, made and concluded this first day of July A. D. 1914, by and between the Village of Bennington, a body corporate and politic situated in the County of Bennington, and the State of Vermont, hereinafter for convenience called the Village, as party of the first part, and the Twin State Gas & Electric Company, its successors or assigns, a corporation created, organized, existing and doing business under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Connecticut, owning and operating the gas and electric plants at Bennington, County of Bennington, State of Vermont, hereinafter for convenience called the Company, as party of the second part.

Witnesseth That, whereas the inhabitants of said Village, who are its legal voters, did by majority vote at the Village meeting held on the Seventeenth day of March A. D. 1914, notice of which meeting was duly and legally given vote to instruct the Village Trustees to renew the street lighting contract with the Twin State Gas & Electric Company, for a period of not more than five (5) years.

Now Therefore, it is mutually understood and agreed by and between the parties hereto, that both parties shall and hereby do enter into and are bound by the following agreement for a period of five years from the first day of July A. D. 1914.

Item 1. The Village agrees to and hereby does grant to the Company the right to erect and maintain all the necessary poles, guys, wires, fixtures, structures and appliances, in the public streets, alleys and byways, necessary for the execution and complete fulfillment of this contract.

Item 2. The Company agrees to maintain and operate the present system of street lighting, consisting of 40 arc lamps and 109 incandescent lamps, located according to accompanying list, for the sum of \$575.00 per annum.

Item 3. All street lights to be lighted and kept burning from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise, each and every night during the year.

If the Company, through accident, neglect or otherwise, fails to have lighted the street lights herein contracted for, upon each and every night when under the terms of this contract, the streets should be lighted, the Village may deduct such proportionate sum from the payment to be made to the Company, as the number of nights during which no light is furnished bears to the number of nights during which light should be furnished.

The Village grants the Company permission to change the present system of street light to what is known as the alternating series constant current system, changing all arc lamps to the 6.6 ampere Series Enclosed Alternating Current Arc Lamps.

Item 4. The Company agrees to change any portion of the street lighting so ordered by the Trustees within two years from the date of the execution of this contract, to Series Tungsten Incandescent lamps, and to add any lamps ordered by the Trustees, provided such additions are not more than five hundred feet from the Company's present lines, without expense to the Village.

Additions to the system, ordered by the Village on or after July 1, 1916, will be done by the Company, the Village hereby agreeing to pay one-fourth of the cost of fixtures, lamps and wire necessary to make the additions.

Additions made to the system by order of the Village on or after July 1, 1917, will be done by the Company, the Village hereby agreeing to pay one-half of the cost of fixtures, lamps and wire necessary to make the installation, it being understood that any such payments made by the Village for additions to the street lighting system shall be refunded, if this contract should be extended for another period of five or ten years, after July 1, 1919.

Any changes in the location of street lamps and poles as now located, ordered by the Village on or after the first day of September 1914, will be done by the Company at the expense of the Village.

Item 5. The Company hereby agrees to and does, give the Village the privilege of attaching the Village fire alarm and other Village signal wires to all the poles, the property of the Company, during the term of this contract, provided such attachments and all subsequent repairs are made under the direction of the Company, and at the expense of the Village, also that the Village hold the Company harmless from any damage to person or property, arising, resulting or accruing from the use of such poles for the Village fire alarm or other Village signal wires.

Item 6. The Village may add or change under the foregoing named conditions, arc and incandescent lamps at the following prices, per annum, it being mutually understood and agreed that the minimum yearly bill will be \$6700.00.

Additional Arc Lamps, \$75.00 per annum.

40 Cp. Series Tungsten Incandescent Lamps, \$20.00 per annum.

80 Cp. Series Tungsten Incandescent Lamps, \$25.00 per annum.

100 Cp. Series Tungsten Incandescent Lamps, \$27.50 per annum.

250 Cp. Series Tungsten Incandescent Lamps, \$50.00 per annum.

400 Cp. Series Tungsten Incandescent Lamps, \$80.00 per annum.

600 Cp. Series Tungsten Incandescent Lamps, \$100.00 per annum.

60 Cp. Series Tungsten Incandescent Lamps, \$22.50 per annum.

Item 7. The Village agrees to pay the Company such sums as are due it for service rendered during the preceding month, for lighting, for changes, and for repairs, each and every month immediately after the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees.

In Witness Whereof, the said Village, party of the first part, by its Board of Trustees, who are duly authorized thereto, hath executed this instrument in duplicate, by subscribing their names as Trustees, and affixing the corporate seal of the Village of Bennington hereto. And the Twin State Gas & Electric Company, party of the second part, by the hand of its President, I. L. Meloon, thereunto duly authorized hath executed this instrument in duplicate by subscribing his name, and affixing the corporate seal of the Twin State Gas & Electric Company, the day and year first above written.

Village of Bennington, By.....

Its Trustees

Twin State Gas & Electric Company, By.....

Its President

Witnesses

As to the Trustees:

As to Mr. Meloon

Chairman John P. McGurn of the lighting committee has received from E. E. Larrabee, manager for the Twin State Gas and Electric company a letter explaining the present arrangement of the number of lights and the cost of lighting to the village under the contract now in force. The letter also explains the changes which it is proposed to make in the lighting under the new contract. This letter is as follows:

August 4, 1914.

John McGurn, Chairman,

Street Lighting Committee,

Bennington, Vt.

Dear Sir:

We have been over the Street Lighting situation as carefully as time would permit since our visit with your committee and the drive around the streets and wish to submit the following proposition for your careful consideration.

The Village is now paying for:

12-Arc lamps and 9 Incandescent lamps on Main St. \$1150.00

28-Arc lamps and 101 Incandescent lamps in other localities 4618.00

Total for Street Lighting \$5768.00

We would recommend changing the lighting on Main street to 43-80 cp-incandescent and 9-250 cp-incandescent lamps, changing the balance of the street lighting to 28-250 cp lamps and 101-80 cp lamps, also adding 15-80 cp. lamps which would bring the total expense for street lighting up to \$5825.00, giving the Village a very much better lighted Main Street, increasing the lighting in the other localities about 30 per cent and allow 15 additional lamps where they are needed.

If this plan should be followed we would recommend placing 80 cp. lamps on each alternate pole on the south side of West Main Street from the Railroad Crossing, near the Village limit to Mill Street, then alternating the lamps on each side of the street from Mill Street to Cooper's Bridge, having the lamps a little nearer together between Depot street and Silver street, adding a few extra lamps between Cooper's Bridge and the Guide-Board. Would locate the 260 cp. lamps as follows:

2-At the corner of Main, Washington and Depot streets.

4-At the intersection of Main, North and South streets.

1-At the corner of Main and School streets.

1-At Pleasant and Main and one at Beach and Main streets.

We would suggest adding 80 cp. lamps as follows:

2-Elm street; 1-McKinley; 1-Adams; 1-Lincoln; 2-Mill; 2-Gage; and one each on Putnam, Washington, Silver, Prospect, Beech and Bradford Place.

If the above should not meet with your approval we can change all the arc lamps to 250 cp. incandescent incandescent, adding either 40-80 cp. or 20-250 cp. lamps to the present number.

Yours Truly,

Twin State Gas & Electric Co.,

Bennington Division,

E. E. Larrabee Manager.

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